

TRIBUTE TO VFW POST 2151

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 1995*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the past commanders and auxiliary presidents of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2151. On April 8, 1995, V.F.W. Post 2151 will hold a commemorative dinner at their Post in Gary, IN, to honor their past officers.

The past commanders of V.F.W. Post 2151 include: Harold James, Otha Williams, Dan L. Williams, Joe Dishmon, Bob Wilson, Jesse Rogers, Bill Woodard, William Rapier, Lee G. Coleman, and Virgil Fields.

The past auxiliary presidents for V.F.W. Post 2151 include: Bertha Harvey, Dorothy Jordan, Bessie Jones, Prestine Fontleroy, Ada Williams, Jennie Young, Mary Clay, Elouise Woodard, Jessie M. Shackelford, Doris Daniels, Mary Pendelton, Mattie Gault, Lula Marshall, Doris Daniels, Verlee Perry, and Vanessa Jenkins.

These former commanders and auxiliary presidents have been dedicated to preserving the memory of the service of the U.S. soldiers to defend our country in foreign wars. Because of the V.F.W.'s efforts in the preservation of the history of the United States and foreign affairs policy, our citizens can learn from past experience in hopes for a better world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other colleagues to join me in commemorating these honorable men and women of V.F.W. Post 2151 for their dedicated service to our great country.

SALUTING U.S. COAST GUARD  
COMDR. WILLIAM J. "WOODY"  
LEE ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. JACK FIELDS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 1995*

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, those of us who have worked on issues important to the U.S. Coast Guard have enjoyed the opportunity to work with Comdr. William J. "Woody" Lee. Woody will retire from his position in the very near future after 21 years of active duty service in the Coast Guard, and I would like to take a moment to salute his efforts on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Since 1992, Woody has worked closely with many of us in the House on issues important to the Coast Guard. I worked especially closely with Commander Lee from 1993 to 1995, when I served as the ranking Republican member of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. During those years, committee staffers, Chairman GERRY STUDDS, and I all relied on advice and information supplied by Woody to better understand the needs of the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard as they worked to carry out their many diverse missions.

Throughout the years I worked with him, I was always impressed with Woody's tireless efforts on behalf of the Coast Guard, and his efforts to improve communication between top Coast Guard officials and those of us on Cap-

itol Hill charged with overseeing the Coast Guard's activities.

Commander Lee coordinated hundreds of Coast Guard presentations at congressional hearings and briefings, including annual budget briefings and updates on Coast Guard operations during the Cuban and Haitian refugee crises. Woody coordinated more meetings and appearances on Capitol Hill by the two Coast Guard commandants under whom he served than had been coordinated during the entire previous decade. Woody's efforts to foster a better relationship and improved communication between top officials of the U.S. Coast Guard and those of us in Congress resulted in widespread and bipartisan support in the house for the U.S. Coast Guard as it worked to carry out its many varied responsibilities.

But Woody always believed that telling the Coast Guard story involved more than participating in congressional hearings. In his years as the Coast Guard's liaison officer in the House, Woody organized and managed more than 30 field trips for House staff members. Those trips provided staffers with invaluable first-hand information and a better understanding of Coast Guard operations, missions, and needs.

In the same way, Woody understood the need for his fellow Coast Guard officers to better understand how the Congress works. That's why he volunteered to speak at the Chief Petty Officer's Academy and the Reserve Training Center Group Commander's course. That's also why he has taken the time to advise field commanders on how they can foster greater understanding of Coast Guard missions by the public as well as by Federal-level elected officials.

A 1974 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Woody deserves our sincere thanks for the 21 years of distinguished and selfless service he has given to the U.S. Coast Guard and to his country. Woody informs me that he's accepted an exciting and challenging position at Raytheon, and that he plans to continue his marathon running. I know you, Mr. Speaker, and all of my colleagues join with me in wishing Comdr. William J. "Woody" Lee—as well as his wife, Dona, and their two children—continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

HONORING STANLEY O.  
IKENBERRY, PRESIDENT, UNI-  
VERSITY OF ILLINOIS, UPON HIS  
RETIREMENT

**HON. THOMAS W. EWING**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 1995*

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, this week the Illinois congressional delegation and alumni of the University of Illinois in the Washington, DC, area will honor U of I president, Stanley O. Ikenberry. At the conclusion of this academic year, President Ikenberry will be retiring from his post after 16 years of outstanding service to the U of I, the Champaign-Urbana community, the entire State of Illinois, and indeed to the country. His daily presence in the president's office will be deeply missed, but his influence will be felt for many years to come.

Among the highlights of President Ikenberry's tenure are the establishment of the

U of I at Chicago campus, the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, the President's Award and University Scholars Programs, and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, in addition to construction of a host of new academic buildings and laboratory space. President Ikenberry's leadership and dedication to these and other projects have earned the U of I its continued paramount reputation in the academic and scientific research community not only in Illinois but throughout the country. Indeed, President Ikenberry's visionary and bold leadership over the years has helped to establish the U of I as one of the premier and most highly respected research institutions throughout the world.

On a personal note, President Ikenberry has been a good friend and someone with whom it has been a fine pleasure to work closely with over many years both as a Member of Congress and during my service in the Illinois General Assembly. I am pleased that Stan and his wife Judith will continue to call Urbana home and I look forward to continuing our friendship in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire Illinois delegation I offer our congratulations to President Ikenberry for his life-long commitment to the highest quality education, the advancement of research, and distinguished service to students at the U of I, as well as all of the people of Illinois and our country. We cannot thank him enough for his contributions toward the betterment of all our lives.

HONORING PAUL J. MANAFORT

**HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 1995*

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday evening, April 26, 1995, Paul J. Manafort, a friend and admired community leader will be honored as Citizen of the Year by the New Britain Lodge of Elks. Paul's remarkable leadership and contributions to the greater New Britain community have spanned many decades and represent a broad spectrum of civic, professional, community and charitable endeavors.

Paul will be honored for his leadership, dedication and many achievements, both personally and professionally. He has dedicated his life to his family and community. Paul Manafort's elective service began on the New Britain Board of Aldermen. He was elected as mayor in 1965 and served three terms during a period of great cultural and societal change. His thoughtful and proactive leadership resulted in strong economic development and responsive public policies for the city. The respect Paul earned during his elective tenure led to his appointment as commissioner of the department of public works where his statewide service was widely acknowledged.

Community service and volunteerism have been the cornerstone of Paul's commitment to enriching the quality of life in New Britain. He has enjoyed membership in numerous civic, community and charitable organizations. His work with ethnic, veterans, disabled and church organizations is legendary. His active